

A BIG STRIKE

OOKED FOR IN PENNSYLVANIA.

The Union Strong and Ready for a Fight—A Bad Feeling Reported.

McSHANNON, Pa., December 26.—There is a lively prospect of trouble in the bituminous coal districts of Clearfield, Center, Estimoreland, Blair, Huntingdon and

any regions have expressed a willingness to co-operate in the general strike that is set down for the first of January. It is estimated that between 15,000 and 20,000 military operatives have enrolled them-

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But it is generally known that a reaction in the wages of all departments of or will be exacted after December 31. A prominent colliery masters, who represent the Bituminous Coal Exchange, and whose headquarters are in Philadelphia, have held several meetings to determine on some plan of action relative to reducing the scale of wages, but nothing definite

PRESIDENT BRITTAIN NON-COMMITTAL.
The President of the Bituminous Coal
exchange, Daniel I. Brittain, has been in-
terviewed relative to the threatened labor
struggle, but while the gentleman is appar-
ently, therefore, well posted on the

tion, he is rather non-committal. Information gathered from other reliable sources is to the effect that there is every probability of a general, widespread and disastrous labor uprising. The rupture between the Rochester and Pittsburgh companies and their miners has not been mended, and there is a feeling of insecurity with respect to the future.

...ing in the striking districts. The
natives have discovered unmistakable
evidence of preparations for a general re-
at no distant date, and the writer is in
possession of facts that show a very evil
influence upon the part of many lawless
tricks among the miners, but the same are
presently suppressed for sufficiently practical
reasons. Some 8,000 colliers em-
ployed in Central, Northwestern and West-
ern Pennsylvania are members of a secret,

bound organization that has been intended for the express purpose of striking just any movement of the producers asking for a reduction of wages. At this time there is every probability that a strike will be started January 1.

Further developments are awaited with interest by all parties concerned in coal production.

Miners' Convention.

PITTSBURGH, December 20.—President Castello has called a convention of the miners of the Fourth Pool for Monday

The object of the meeting is to confer the award of Umpire Weeks, and to enforce the three-cent rate from a date which the convention may deem proper.

Glass Workers' Meeting.

PITTSBURGH, December 26.—President Malone, of the Window Glass Workers' Association, says about two hundred glass workers will leave for the East in a day or two, to work in new factories. The manufactory of Gilliespie & Brother, at Philadelphia, has started up on last year's terms. There are five new factories building in New Jersey. They will be in running order in a few weeks. One is at Camden, at Elmore, and three at Brighton. These factories are all window glass, and the last mentioned are of eight pias each. There is also another near completion at Wilmington, Del., another at Belaire,

ties will take hands from the unemployed men of the Association, selecting a portable number from each district. The suits of hands have been engaged from the Fitting Shop, which will leave early in January. There are twenty-seven men in a set—ten blowers, ten gatherers, four men and three flatmen.

Non-Union Workmen Assaulted.
PITTSBURGH, December 28.—Two non-union men named Thompson and Williams, who took the places of strikers in Oliver & Cretz's wire mill, on the South Side, were backed to-night and badly beaten.

Work Resumed.
MOUNT CARMEL, Pa., December 28.—Work has been resumed in the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company's collieries, after an idleness of over a week.

IRON LAMING UP.

PHILADELPHIA, December 26:—The quiet persistence of the reductions in wages, by employees of the Bessemer Steel Rail and Iron Co., has brought out a more active demand for steel rails, for both immediate and for delivery. The contracts placed in the few days foot up 200,000 tons in Pennsylvania alone. Inquiries have been made for over 500,000 tons, and offers range from \$34 to \$38. These large transactions are likely to be placed within the next few weeks. The requirement for January will probably be larger than for several months past. Orders are very weak, and only small lots are moving at current prices, which are about \$2 to \$2 50. Offers are in hand at 2 1/2 cts. less. A few large lots have been sold.

Several lots of Spigelglen are under negotiation at \$20. Refined iron sells at 20 to 25; common, 160 to 170. Old material is in fair request, but very few sales have been closed. Bridge rails \$24; double ends, \$25; tee, \$20 to \$23 50; cargo steel. The restriction to the anthracite coal has not hurt the market for rocks as far out of proportion to the market demand. Production up to last Saturday, 600,000, in round numbers. The bituminous trade is dull. Shipments East for the year, 4,845,040 tons, or 568,889 tons in excess of last year's shipments.

A Mad Man from Michigan.—**DETROIT**, December 26.—A. Malone, N. Y. special agent from Wm. Haffield, an escaped convict from Michigan, was arrested

Workmen's Riot in Russia.—The workmen and officials of the railway works at Moscow were engaged in a riot yesterday, owing to the exactions of the contractors. One of the officials was killed and several of the workmen were injured. The ring-leaders were arrested.